

August 11, 1941.

Lt. Lyle O. Arnel,
U.S.S. St. Mihiel,
c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Lyle:

I was delighted to get your good letter of the 3rd instant, and I will be happy if you will kindly convey to Lt. Col. Frederick W. Adams my kindest regards. You fellows have a great opportunity to meet some splendid individuals in the service, although I realize that at other times they put you through the paces at breakneck speed.

I had been intending to write you and to express our regret at your leaving us after you had made such an auspicious beginning with the Endowment Association. But of course I realize what the call of service means, and it is just one of those things that have to be met. Lots of good luck, old fellow, and we will be pulling a million that this thing may be over in a short while and we will have you back with us.

I am convinced that you will make an A-plus morale officer, and as far as the supervision of recreational activities is concerned, you are tops there. It would be needless for me to offer you any suggestions because your long experience in the Topeka "Y" and your other activities eminently fit you for this task.

Last Saturday I went down to your locker and got your equipment with all that fancy talcum powder, military hair brushes, and so forth, bundled them together and delivered them to your good wife. If there is anything at any time that I can do to serve you or your family, please command me.

Sincerely and Rotarily yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.